

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 1442 - SB 1625**

February 24, 2001

#### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

1. Authorizes reimbursement for the following as compensation to the victims of crime:
  - Unreimbursed or unreimbursable mental health counseling for a family member who provided substantial support to an unmarried victim under 24 years of age at the time of the victim's death.
  - Grief counseling for the parents of a child who was the victim of homicide as presently provided by the Victim's Rights Act and;
  - Unreimbursed or unreimbursable health care costs for the immediate family members of the victim of a homicide, at the discretion of the claims commission.
2. Increases the maximum compensation for victims of crime from \$18,000 to \$20,000.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$200,000/Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund**

Estimate assumes:

- payment for claims for grief counseling is available under current law.
- an increase in state expenditures for reimbursement of health care costs for immediate family members of the victim, estimated to exceed \$100,000. Estimate is based on 261 homicide claims for which counseling could have been considered in FY2000, (261 x \$478 average payment per claim for counseling = \$124,758).
- an increase in state expenditures exceeding \$100,000 from increasing the base maximum compensation by \$2,000 from the current base of \$18,000 would increase the payment for victims of crime. Estimate is based on claims received for the first 6 months of FY2001. (69 claims were paid maximum compensation in the first 6 months of FY2001, 69 x \$2,000 = \$138,000).

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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